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UNO Landscape Going Under the Scalpel this Spring

"We are going to use trees that don't break as easily this time,"

— Jim Veiga, manager of ground and environmental services

by Dana Nelsen

The UNO campus is getting a face lift this spring.

Walking across campus, it's not easy to find a tree on campus that escaped last fall's storm unscathed. In fact, a total of 83 trees on campus were totally destroyed. According to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, in the Omaha area alone, over 7,000 trees were killed. They estimated over 60,000 trees suffered major damage due to the storm.

According to Jim Veiga, manager of ground and environmental services here at UNO, the areas most affected on campus were to trees lining the sidewalk on the south side of the Eppley Administration Building and also on the drive facing east as you near the Fieldhouse.

"We lost all of the Bradford pear trees near the Fieldhouse, as well as a wide variety of other trees in various locations," Veiga said. "Fortunately, damage to the trees is cov-

ered by our insurance."

A variety of trees will need to be replaced. The campus puts great detail into planning the types of trees planted and the location for each variety. The Ground and Environmental Services Department avoids planting large percentages of any one type of tree to prevent tree diseases from wiping out the entire campus-tree population.

Replanting of trees will occur in late spring to early summer, after graduation. "We are going to use trees that don't break as easily this time," Veiga said.

UNO plans to plant shade trees such as swamp white oaks, burr oaks and trees in the locust family. It also plans to replace some of the damaged trees with ornamental types such as crab apple, hawthorn, and service berry. These types of trees are well known for their floral beauty in the spring, and the vibrant color of leaves in the fall.

In addition to the replanting of



photo by Chris Machian

Above is one of the victims of the October storm. Few trees on UNO's campus were left unmarked. Many trees have been identified as needing to be removed or replaced due to extreme damage.

trees on campus, the Ak-Sar-Ben site is also scheduled for new trees. The Arnold Air Society, Earl S. Hoag Squadron, a United States Air Force ROTC honorary organization, will be planting 10 blue spruces as a memorial to honor prisoners of war and military personal

listed as missing in action.

The trees will surround a plaque dedicated to all POWs and MIAs in the United States Armed Forces.

"As a future Air Force officer, I believe the trees and memorial will allow students, faculty and others to

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Women Athletes Are Finalists

by Renee Ryan

The 1998 Lite 96 Sports-women of the Year Awards have been announced with three UNO athletes on the list.

Carri Butler from the UNO track team, Tanya Cate from the UNO volleyball team and Holly Voss from the UNO softball team were chosen as finalists. Carrie Welle of Creighton and Megan McCawley from College of St. Mary were also final candidates.

According to Sherry Kennedy at Lite 96, the criteria for the award are athletic prowess, academic achievement and community involvement. She said, "We send nomination forms to area coaches and they have to return them by a certain deadline."

Butler said she was chosen as a finalist last year and was surprised then. "I'm glad to be a part of it again this year because it is good to recognize women athletes."

All finalists will be honored at a banquet on May 4 at the Omaha Marriott. One sports-woman of the year will be named in the college athlete category.

Ancient Scrolls Meet Modern Technology

by Kristine Kohlmeier

"UNO and the Dead Sea Scrolls — not something you'd expect in tomorrow's headlines," Dr. Richard Freund, director of the Bethsaida Excavations Project, said as he introduced the presentation. March 19 marked the premiere of "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Shrine of the Book: Past and Future."

This video is a joint effort of UNO Television, the Bethsaida

Excavations Project, and the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Presented at the William H. Thompson Alumni Center, the video contained a mixture of black and white stills, crisp color photography and Adolfo Roitman's narration, curator of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The Shrine of the Book is a nonfunctional building, styled like the lids of the jars in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were originally found.

With these elements, the story of the Dead

Sea Scroll's journey from the caves of Israel to their current location unfolded. Topics in the video ranged from the scrolls' history to their auction, the opening of Shrine of the Book and continuing efforts to restore scroll fragments.

The Shrine of the Book is not just a museum, Roitman explained, but a temple for modern Israel to shape their identity. UNO will help share the scroll's legacy with the world.

Freund explained the history of UNO's involvement with the Bethsaida project. UNO leads a group of colleges in unearthing Bethsaida, which was rediscovered in 1987. UNO Television created "The Lost City of Bethsaida," a documentary about the excavations and their discoveries, which has received many awards.

The success of the Bethsaida video

prompted UNO to pursue a more challenging task. Four years ago Freund met with Roitman.

UNO then got the opportunity to begin a video about the Dead Sea Scrolls since they arrived at the Shrine of the Book, starring Roitman. Freund explained that many people have prior knowledge of the scrolls, and making an original video is difficult. David Rotterman, producer/director of UNO Television, was able to blend new footage and history to create a unique perspective on the subject.

Rotterman explained the video as "some sort of connection of where the scrolls are today." He noted that many videos focus on the scandal and mystery of the scrolls, ignoring their present situation.

The Dead Sea Scrolls video will be shown on a continuous basis to

visitors at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Rotterman called the video a "bridge between the academic community and the general public." Tourists around the world will see UNO's name, boosting Omaha to international recognition.

Freund also spoke of a possible landmark discovery in the caves of Israel.

After talking to a man in his 70s who was an excavator in the 1950s, Chief Geologist Dr. John Shroder and a crew visited the caves of which he spoke. The findings were described as spectacular, with ceiling debris and a human skeleton dressed in religious clothes. Freund said this "may make the greatest archaeological discovery of the next millennium" and that UNO will work with many universities to uncover more. There is a possibility more Dead Sea Scrolls will be discovered through UNO's excavations.

LB 1100 Bound for Governor Approval

by Wendy Townley

LB 1100, the legislative bill that would renovate and repair several buildings on the four University of Nebraska campuses, has now advanced to Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson for his written approval.

With Nelson's signature, LB 1100 would allow the NU system to receive \$5.9 million annually for the next 10 years, beginning in fiscal year 2000. These funds would be matched by both university and state college and tuition revenues.

LB 1100 would also eliminate the \$108 million backlog that has resulted from past deferred maintenance.

On the UNO campus, LB 1100 would improve Allwine Hall and the of Arts and Sciences Hall. According to NU President L. Dennis Smith, there are significant problems with the motors that maintain the heating and cooling systems in these two buildings.

LB 1100 was introduced by Nebraska Sen. Dan Lynch and is backed by both Lynch and

Nelson.

Nelson has called LB 1100 a "good way of dealing with a problem that has generated for decades," and has stated his "whole-hearted support" for the proposed bill.

In a statement made by Smith on March 25, he thanked Lynch for "recognizing and responding to the critical infrastructure needs of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges."

Smith also said that he is "grateful" that both the governor and the Legislature are teaming up with the NU system to ensure that buildings on the NU campuses will be maintained properly.

With the passage of LB 1100, the program would be set to begin this summer, extending over the next two to three years.

This time frame is to allow all of the 16 improvements under LB 1100 on the four Nebraska universities (UNK, UNL, UNMC and UNO) to be completed.

Breslow Headstrong on Issue of Same-Sex Marriages

by Wendy Townley & Renee Ryan

With the campaign for Nebraska governor very much under way, the time is ripe for aggressive campaigning.

With television viewers and registered voters being bombarded with political commercials, it is easy for candidates messages to blend together.

However, Republican candidate for governor, John Breslow, caused a lot of commotion when his latest television ad revealed his disapproval of "men marrying men and women marrying women."

In this ad, Breslow promised to veto any legislation passed by Nebraska's Unicameral allowing same-sex marriages.

Todd Baustert, a member of UNO's College Republicans, said on Saturday that Breslow's recent campaign strategy is "not an issue. None of the three candidates in the campaign would sign a bill approving same-sex marriages."

Baustert also said that the state of Nebraska is not one that supports same-sex marriages. "There would never be a bill proposing this type of action, nor would there ever be a full

vote in the legislature," he said.

As for Breslow's motivation for this issue, Baustert is unaware what exactly his motivation might be. When asked, hypothetically,

what Baustert would have advised Breslow to do on this issue, Baustert said that he would have "advised Breslow against it."

At UNO, Baustert said that he has no personal knowledge

of any students, faculty or staff approaching the College Republicans voicing their disapproval of Breslow's latest ad.

Rasheem Kohlmen, president of the UNO Student Democrats, could not be reached for comment.

The Lincoln Chapter of National Organization for Women said in a press release, "We are intolerant as this Republican candidate for governor. John Breslow's ignorance in airing an ad so obviously offensive to so many Nebraska citizens goes beyond carelessness and insensitivity to a reckless disregard for individual freedom."

A representative for GALO (Gay and Lesbian Organization) was not available for comment.

"There would never be a bill proposing this type of action..."

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enjoy the beauty of nature as well as help further instill in them great pride and respect for our nation and its brave military members, past and present." AAS Cadet Commander Cristina Gentile said.

The trees will be planted on Wednesday, March 22, also known as Earth Day. The goal is for the memorial to be a serene gardenlike setting, Gentile said. "We feel it is fitting to establish a small memorial at UNO, as a humble tribute to all the men and women from all branches of the military who have served their nation and defended those in other countries who could not defend themselves."

The Air Force ROTC Detachment 470 has been a part of UNO since the early 1950s. In the fall of 1951 Detachment 470's AAS Squadron was named in honor

of General Earl S. Hoag, a highly decorated World War I general. Since then, the squadron has been an active organization on campus and has continued to provide leadership within the UNO student body.

With the addition of the new trees planted on campus this spring through the both the Ground and Environmental Services Department and AAS, students can hope to return to a thriving campus that shows little signs of last fall's terrible storm.

AAS would like to encourage anyone interested in the memorial or anyone who would like to make a tree donation to the memorial to contact the Air Force ROTC office at 554-2745.

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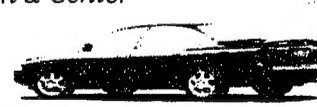
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New Program Helps Untangle the Web

by Molly Jules

UNO's Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) and the College of IS&T have joined forces to create an endorsement program that reflects the skills, knowledge and practices required in order to become a successful Web professional.

The Web Professional Endorsement is a comprehensive education program designed to help individuals develop the expertise necessary to effectively use Web technologies. Individuals have the option of specializing in either Internet Languages or Web

Development. In both cases, the curriculum uses true Web-related job tasks that provide real world knowledge to improve student's productivity on the job. The program assures a high level of expertise and skill by requiring students to take a series of exams. These exams validate the student's technical understanding, proficiency and ability to perform on the job. Upon successful completion of the classes included in the program, the student's achievement will be recorded on a UNO transcript. Five scholarships for the Web Professional Endorsement program are offered by the College of IS&T to its full-time students. The scholarship covers one-half the cost of either specialization. For further in-

formation on this scholarship, students should contact IS&T student advisor Jennifer Dickey at 554-3818 (DSC 204).

Anyone interested in the Web Professional Endorsement program should call NBDC at 595-2900 for more information.

In addition to its new Web Professional Endorsement program, UNO's NBDC offers an extensive selection of classes directed at both end users and technical professionals. Basic classes include Using the Internet and Intro to PCs, as well as introductory classes in Windows 95, Microsoft Word 97, Photoshop and more. For end users who have a moderate level of experience, NBDC offers more advanced classes on

topics such as HTML, Microsoft Access, and Microsoft Excel.

Technical classes are available for individuals interested in Oracle 7, Windows NT, Novell, TCP/IP, etc. NBDC will release a new spring/summer schedule in April that provides class descriptions and class dates. Copies of the new schedule will be available by the information desk in the Milo Bail Student Center and in many other locations around campus. For more information on NBDC classes, call 595-2900 or visit our Web site at <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/>.

What If I'm Asked To Relocate

By Bernie Milano
College Press Service

Working for a large company — particularly a multinational corporation — means the

chance will always exist that your employer will someday ask you to relocate. New recruits in their first year are rarely faced with this situation, since they haven't yet developed a specific expertise that they could bring to a new location. Nevertheless, the possibility of being asked to move will be a reality as you move further along in your career — it can even happen to second- or third-year employees. So you'll want to be prepared to handle this situation if and when it arises.

How much negotiating power you have will vary, depending on the company, your

position and the specifics that are prompting the relocation request. For the most part,

we're lucky here in America, since we can usually turn down a request by our employer to move. Despite the freedom we enjoy, though, you'll still want to be careful in turning down a relocation request. Very often, a move is an important rung on the promotion ladder. 'Putting in time' at another location can be well worth it, since your employer will recognize the sacrifice you made for the greater good of the firm, and will compensate you for it later.

International relocations are looked upon in different ways from person to person. Some dread the idea, since it will require a great deal more adapting than if the move were to, say, Pittsburgh. Others, however, look forward to the chance to live in and experience a different culture.

Indeed, there are people who join a particular company because the chance of being relocated abroad exists. For young, single people in their first few years at a firm, the chance to live and work abroad should be welcomed as an adventure not everyone gets a shot at. At the same time, employees with families and their own homes are often sent abroad, particularly since their seniority means they have the expertise their company needs them to bring to the new location. As reluctant as these employees may initially be, countless families settle in wonderfully in their new country. Also, they're usually given generous ex-patriot programs, which make settling in a lot easier.

I've been speaking up until now about companies moving individual employ-

ees between

company branches. However, another type of relocation occurs when a company relocates its entire operation. This can be a short move — for example, from a metropolitan area to a suburban area — in which case few if any employees have to consider moving to new homes. In other cases, though, companies move to entirely different states. This most often involves a relocation company that specializes in making this huge undertaking go as smoothly as possible. When entire companies move, there is the consolation that you'll be with many familiar faces at the new location. For some, though, this isn't enough, and they decide to leave the firm rather than move.

It's ultimately up to you how you handle a relocation request. It will require some deep

introspection, and if you turn the chance down, you may spend a lot of time in the future pondering the 'what if' aspect. If the chance arises relatively early in your career, I can see little reason to say no. As for any nervousness you might have, consider one of the truest clichés I know: the hardest moves often turn out to be the best ones.

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Gateway Opinion

Good Responses for Bad Pickup Lines

opinion by David Coleman guest
columnist national lecturer and
entertainer

Dear Dating Doctor: I am a 31-year-old divorcee who has recently re-entered the dating scene. I thought that cheesy, archaic pickup lines were a thing of the past, but lately I have been exposed to some of the worst I have ever heard. They always catch me off guard, and I never know how to respond. Any suggestions?

— Amused but Confused

Dear AmCon: Like Elvis and reruns of the Andy Griffith Show, cheesy pickup lines will never die. Why? Because many men cannot express themselves confidently or coherently to a woman when they approach her to inform her of their interest. For some men, this is a learned behavior from years of rejection, while for others it is simply a lack of practice or knowledge of how to do it differently.

There is significant pressure placed on men to make the first move and attempt the initial communication that expresses their interest in a woman. Women could help out by being a bit more assertive and aggressive (although, some men would see this as a turn-off).

As feeble as pickup lines may be, never forget that this man is making an effort to show an interest in you. Granted, his approach might be flawed but his heart is in the right place. If you are even slightly interested in him, laugh off the line, say hello and begin a normal conversation. If you're not interested and you want to have some fun with the entire interpersonal debacle, here is an assortment of commonly used lines and responses to try:

Man: "So, what do you do for a living?"

Woman: "Female impersonator."

Man: "Hi. I'd like to call you. What's your number?"

Woman: "It's in the phone book."

Man: "But I don't know your name."

Woman: "That's in the phone book too."

Man: "Haven't we met before?"

Woman: "Yes, I am a receptionist at the VD Clinic."

Man: "Want to dance?"

Woman: "No, thank you."

Man: "Don't thank me, thank God that someone asked you!"

Man: "Hey baby, your place or mine?"

Woman: "Both, you go to your place, I'll go to mine."

Man: "Hey baby, what's your sign?"

Woman (select one): "Do not enter. Yield. Proceed with caution. Stop. Dead end."

Man: "I know how to please a woman."

Woman: "Good, then PLEASE leave me alone."

Man: "Haven't I seen you someplace before?"

Woman: "Yes, that's why I don't go there anymore."

Man: "I would go through anything to meet you."

Woman: "Okay, let's begin with your bank account."

Man: "May I have the last dance?"

Woman: "Whenever it was, you've already had it."

Man: "I would go to the ends of the earth to meet you."

Woman: "Yes, but would you stay there?"

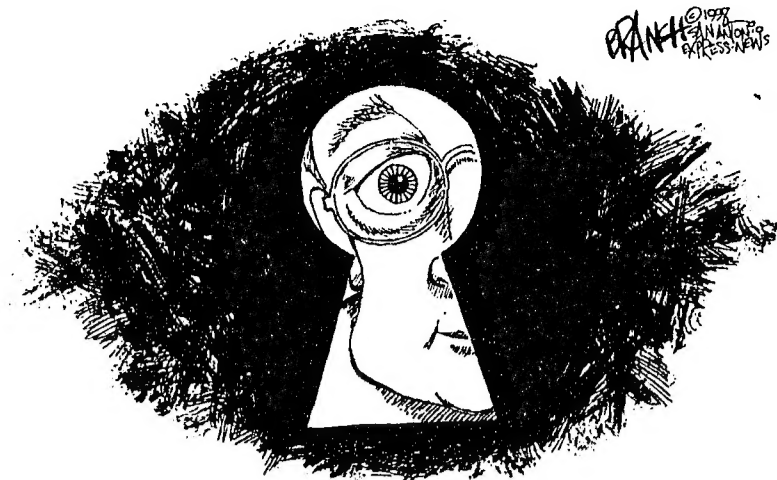
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YOUR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AT WORK...

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you Ron Larsen for your letter in the last *Gateway* (Tuesday, March 17). As for not letting homosexuals in the Boy Scouts to give that message to children, many of whom do not yet have any sexual preference, what is that teaching them? Guilt? Intolerance? And a lot of confusion. Whether "alternative lifestyles" are right or wrong, installing unnecessary guilt and confusion in children is definitely wrong. Let the major values of what we teach our children be loving, caring, excepting and hard working. They should not be trying to judge who is the most righteous and who conforms best to certain people's ideals. And, by the way, it was stated that Boy Scouts are based on traditional values. What are "traditional values"?

Lindsay Owens
UNO Student

P.S. I, as well as others I know, would like to see an article with the opposing viewpoint of Guilfoyle's. Thank you.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to one sent by a Mr. Ron Larsen in your March 17 issue.

There are a few points that I need to address. Mr. Larsen is under the assumption that the Boy Scouts go out to discriminate against people who are gay or don't believe in God. Well, Mr. Larsen, I ask you this question. Would you allow someone to walk in and preach the word of God to your children? I don't think so. If you formed an organization to which your family could belong and I said that I wanted to join, would you allow me to change the rules for my own benefit or choice? I don't think so.

The Boy Scouts have been an American institution since February 8, 1910. They have taught characteristics that it takes to become a good person. I never saw any boys being taught hate and discontent. Let's look at the 12 points of the scout law. A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Do any of these characteristics constitute any type of malicious behavioral learning? Does this in any way constitute discrimination because you choose not to adhere to them or the oath?

I hope that you can understand by these questions that I am turning the tides on your little accusations. It is not the Boy Scouts who discriminate against boys and men, but rather those boys and men who discriminate against the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Larsen, it is when the rest of the world does not conform to your standards that you feel you must throw the rest of the world into an upheaval. The United States has been rolling over way too much in recent years where it appears we are throwing away what is good and de-

cent at the risk of being insensitive and unfeeling to the rights of others. If you don't want to belong to our group, then leave us alone. I am getting tired of our youth being taught what is right by a group of people whose leader apparently can't keep his word or his hands off of every woman in Washington (other than Hillary).

This all goes back to the Basic "Traditional Values." These are the moralistic virtues that the nation's like blood is based on.

So, I ask this: Why attack something that is good? There are too many bad things in the world to go after. And Mr. Larsen, stop discriminating against good and virtuous teachings of the Boy Scouts with your insinuations of equating them to the Nazis. If you keep twisting the truth around to fit your interpretations instead of realizing that you are in error, you will never grow. I, too, am in school (part time) and am trying to learn new ideas, but these ideas cannot come without scrutinizing over them to make sure they are sound.

Lastly, I noticed in the Tuesday Omaha World-Herald that the Supreme Court of the state of California stated that the Boy Scouts are a private club and can bar those from the club for not upholding those traditional values. I feel this is an important decision, especially after hearing that a scoutmaster in a town near Des Moines recently confessed to the molestation of more than 300 boys. Maybe you would prefer this man to be the leader of your sons. I DIDN'T THINK SO!

James W. Peoples III
Eagle Scout

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Frustrated by the inability to find accurate, detailed and unbiased information about candidates for public office in Nebraska, several citizens are uniting to form the Informed Citizen.

The Informed Citizen is a non-partisan project providing a comprehensive source of information about all candidates running for office in the State of Nebraska. I am a news hound and political junkie. I read, watch and listen daily to everything I can find about politics. However, I still find myself frustrated when I step into the ballot

booth and find I don't really have a clue about the beliefs of some of the candidates.

Recently, The Informed Citizen sent out a candidate questionnaire of over 150 questions to all candidates, for statewide office, the Unicameral, U.S. Congress, Public Service Commission, State Board of Education and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. There are 108 candidates for these various positions. The answers to these questions will provide an easy method to inform voters and allow them to compare the differences between candidates.

Candidates have been asked to complete the questionnaire by April 6, 1998 if possible. This will give citizens just over a month to have the chance to learn the candidates views before the May 12th Primary. I am happy with the early response from challengers who seem willing to cooperate. I am getting some early resistance from some incumbent members of the Unicameral who seem to be coming up with excuses why they don't want to participate. I hope they will come around when they realize we are serious about statewide distribution of

the response to the questionnaire.

To make the information known, The Informed Citizen has created its own web site. The address is www.lincolnconnection.org/nepolitics. Nebraska Politics Homepage

While still not complete until the candidates have returned the answered questionnaire, a fun feature that you want to check out today is the candidate stock market. Inspired by the Iowa University Electronic Markets, it allows you to buy and sell stock with play or real money to speculate on which candidate will win.

For candidates that don't cooperate, the Informed Citizen pledges to do its best to provide accurate and detailed information about these candidates from independent sources. We also plan to check to see if the candidates have provided information consistent with their actions and statements in other forums. Our only bias in this project is for the truth.

In addition, The Informed Citizen plans to make the information available to all media sources to help with their shared interest in assuring the opportunity to educate the people about the candidates. Murray says, "We hope that many of the newspapers will take advantage of our help to create and distribute traditional printed voter guides. We also are hopeful that local media will help provide us with information on local city/county races. At this time, we don't have the resources to accumulate that information on our own but it is just as important."

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Jeff Bridges Has An Easy Time As "The Big Lebowski"

By Ian Spelling
College Press Service

Jeff Bridges, a really smart guy, plays just about the dumbest, densest, most slovenly man on the planet in "The Big Lebowski," the latest cinematic concoction from the ever-enigmatic Coen brothers. And the Coens wrote the Lebowski role with Bridges in mind.

Even stranger for Bridges, one of Hollywood's best dramatic actors, his character, Jeff Lebowski, aka "The Dude," ends the movie — and, don't worry, this is giving nothing away exactly the way he begins it. In other words, there's no character development.

None, nada, zip, zilch.

"There's so much happening around me and I hope that helps," says Bridges, who's friendly and looks sharp and relaxed during a conversation at a New York City hotel. "But changing, having a character arc, wasn't really the assignment. I asked that, though. 'Does he change? Does he discover anything about himself?' And the Coens said, 'No.'"

It wasn't too hard to play that. I really just followed the lines and approached it the way I approach most of my roles. I looked into myself and saw aspects that I hoped linked to this guy. I went into my phonebook and saw people that were a little 'Dude-esque.' I kept my eyes open and paid attention to any Dude-like people who came up to me. The Coens also had a guy, a friend of theirs named the Dude, who was another model for this part. He was around on the set a lot and I hung out with him."

To explain the intricate, often non-linear plot of "Lebowski"

would take about a week and mean the death of few dozen or so trees. Suffice it to say that it involves a series of double crosses, a Persian rug, bowling, performance art, a few Busby Berkeley-channeling dream sequences, and a major case of mistaken identity in which Nihilist thugs go after the wrong Lebowski. Along for the fun are Julianne Moore as a mysterious woman with an inexplicable attraction for the pot-bellied Lebowski, and John Goodman and Steve Buscemi as Walter and Donny, Lebowski's decidedly offbeat bowling partners.

Does Bridges, who lives with his wife and three young daughters in Los Angeles, ever visit the local alley? "I bowl a little bit," he says, laughing. "Just a little bit." Does he have any relationship that echoes the Dude-Walter bond, in which two people seem to have nothing in common, but are nevertheless best pals? "My wife, sometimes," Bridges says with a sly grin. "My parents (his dad is TV and movie veteran Lloyd Bridges). My brother (actor Beau Bridges). I feel that way about most the people I love in my life. My best relationships are those where my love has grown to embrace the differences between us."

While Bridges remains one of Hollywood's best actors, he's also one of the hardest to pin down. He turns up in hits like "Starman," "Jagged Edge" and "The Fisher King," and in such "Why'd he do that?" time-wasters as "Blown Away," "The Vanishing," "Wild Bill"

and "The Mirror Has Two Faces." He also has a tendency to

deliver amazing performances in intimate, little-seen films along the lines of "Tucker: The Man and His Dream," "Fearless," "The Fabulous Baker Boys" and "American Heart."

"I was so affected by 'Fearless,'" he says. "At the end of the premiere screening everyone was stunned and quiet. It was like someone sprayed gas on the audience. I wondered then if the film would go over, if that was the reaction audiences around the country would have. 'Tucker' was another one. That was a great film. I thought it would do better than it did. So many elements have to come together and if one falls out, you're screwed."

As the conversation comes to a close, Bridges — who's currently back before a camera, shooting the thriller "Arlington Road" with Tim Robbins and Joan Cusack — contemplates the notion that he's one of our more underrated stars. "I don't feel underrated because I've been able to do some terrific roles, work with remarkable people," he says. "So I feel kind of blessed. I actually think there's a downside to being over-appreciated. People expect more. They know more about you as a person and are less able to accept you as a different character from film to film."

"So I wouldn't trade my career for anyone else's. I'm quite happy with the way things have gone and the way they're going now."

Entrepreneurial Inventive Business Plans

By Peter Key
Knight Ridder

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.— Give a college student \$4,000 and what do you think he'll do? Buy a monster stereo? Take an exotic vacation? Throw a beer bash of Broddingnagian proportions?

Kirby Goedde plans to apply for a patent.

Goedde an electrical engineering student at Purdue University, recently won \$4,000 for taking first place in the Krannert School of Management's Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurial Competition. The Evansville native presented a business plan for marketing the Automated Locker, an invention of his that uses a small radio transmitter to unlock a locker by remote control.

The contest, which concluded

Feb. 28 and awarded more than \$8,000 in prizes, was established with a grant from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Morgan an 82-year-old entrepreneur who graduated from Purdue in 1938, made his fortune by founding more than 50 corporations, including Morgan Adhesives Co., which is based in Stow, Ohio, and has annual sales of more than \$450 million.

This was the 11th year for the contest, but its first as part of the Krannert Entrepreneurship Initiative, which was begun this academic year.

Shailendra Mehta, who directs the initiative, said it's meant to encourage students to start their own businesses in the hope they'll re-

main in Indiana after graduating. That way, he said, the state won't "suffer from what I think of as evaporation, where our most active molecules go somewhere else and lower the temperature of the place."

Mehta is trying to promote the Morgan competition to all Purdue students, not just those in the business school. This year, it received 60 inquiries and 25 business plans, up from 40 and 15 a year ago. Mehta wants to boost those figures to 100 and 40 next year, and get 100 business plans the year after that. He thinks that's possible if enough engineering students get involved.

Most engineers take a technical design class where they actually develop the specs for a new product," he said. "I cannot believe that

there aren't a large fraction of those which can be converted into actual products."

Goedde's Automated Locker came from a project he did for a local middle school student with a motor disability that prevents her from operating a combination lock.

That experience led him to propose schools as his target market. But Steven J. Beck, a senior vice president for Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and one of three contest judges, told him that factories, and other I think your biggest problem is your market is so big you don't know how big it really is," Beck said.

The judges advised all three top winners to get their products to market as quickly as possible.

If I were your dad, I'd cut off

your tuition money and make you get busy on this," judge Paul D. Jacobson jokingly told Goedde. Jacobson earned graduate degrees from Purdue in 1979 and 1984 and made his fortune publishing educational software.

The third judge, Herbert A. Wilson, a 1951 Purdue graduate who runs Micro-Surface Finishing Products Inc. in Wilton, Iowa, had some equally tongue-in-cheek advice for Goedde.

After Goedde said he planned to have his product manufactured at a machine shop owned by his fiancée's father, Wilson quipped, "I'd have two sources just in case something doesn't work out."

March Mavness Provides Diversion

by Helen Evans

Includes opinions of author

UNO's Student Programming Organization sponsored a week full of "March Mavness."

"What is March Mavness?" many may ask.

It is a week full of exciting events designed to bring students together in order to get involved in activities on campus.

SPO devised the week as a way to break the routine schedule of UNO's students, faculty and staff by providing them with a fun break. The week was kicked off by comedian Buzz Sutherland.

Jeremy Bender, UNO freshman and criminal justice major said, "Normally I don't go to activities on campus because I am usually so busy."

Bender continues, "I am glad I stopped to see the comedian though. He was hilarious and I hope to see more events like this one come to UNO's campus."

On Wednesday David Coleman hosted "Creative Dating." Coleman entertained the crowd by discussing ways to improve dating.

Thursday was the "Wonder Wheels." Ballet Omaha demonstrated their philosophy, "our wheelchairs are vehicles for our bodies...our bodies are vehicles for our souls..."

The Wonder Wheels performance was initially created as a way to increase awareness levels about wheelchairs in the arts. It also provides new opportunities for persons with physical disabilities.

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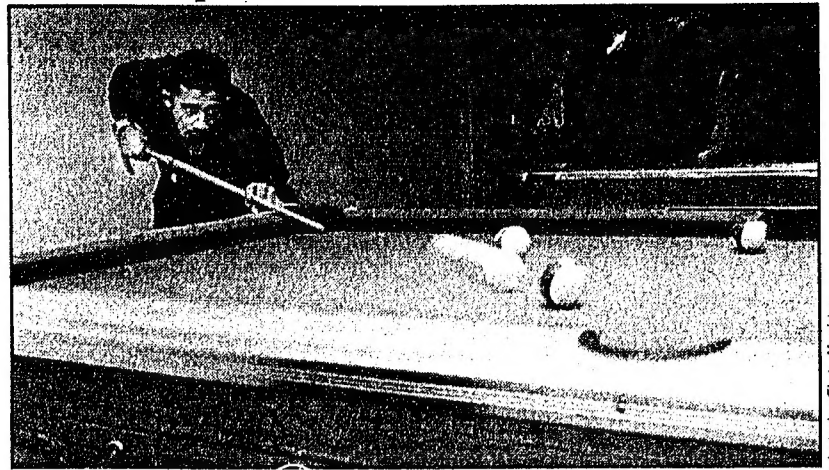


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Ibrahim Ali pauses to take aim in the KBUL pool tournament on Friday, March 20. The event was held to raise awareness for the student radio station. Approximately 25 people participated, and prizes were awarded throughout the day. KBUL T-shirts, posters and other prizes were given away. Program Director, Joe Hammon, said the event went well and everyone seemed to have fun.



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I Bet You Didn't Know?



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The southeast corner of the Student Center renovated in 1996 is a common sight for students as they leave Arts and Sciences Hall and head across campus.

by Melanie Wilson

As students walk through Milo Bail Student Center, aka MBSC or Milo Bail, they breeze on by, talking to friends, taking in a special event, or maybe they're alone cramming for a test in the cafeteria. And why not?

The Student Center readily provides all students services from food to a bookstore to that hallowed getaway, the game rooms.

The Eppley Administration Building, aka EAB or Eppley, offers services such as student accounts and campus security. Students go to Eppley for assistance in many areas.

But few students know how the buildings got their names. Why Milo Bail? Why not "Student Fun Center" or better yet, "The Place Where Things Happen"? Well, if you did not guess, there is a good reason.

Phillip Milo Bail came to Omaha in 1948 from Butler University, where he was dean of the College of Education, and afterward director of University College. Bail's presence was immediately felt on the UNO campus. He made radical changes soon after he arrived. He clung to the original idea of "a strong liberal arts program," but he envisioned expanding the university to be strong in other programs as well.

Bail added more majors to UNO's curriculum, including "Medical Technology, Home Economics and Retailing" according to Tommy Thompson's book "A History of UNO." Bail's changes encouraged Henry Doorly, who published the Omaha World-Herald, to donate \$1,000 for scholarships. Under Bail, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents "reinstated" the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, plus expanded the area of graduate study, something that was "discontinued in the late thirties," and "created a specific Graduate Division...add(ing) a Master of Science in Education degree."

No doubt Milo Bail has given much to this university, and as president of the university, his changes took place. The curriculum was also renovated, adding military-based classes to the list. Being near Offutt Air Force Base was more than enough reason for this program's success. "The Bootstrap Program," as it was called, allowed those in the military to either finish a degree or start one.

Eugene C. Eppley gave the University of Omaha, as it was called, \$850,000 to start a library. This donation was more than enough to begin a library; some of these funds were eventually allocated into other areas such as music, allowing a "Music Annex" to be built. After this more-than-welcomed donation, the regents felt confident to ask for federal funds for things such as a student center, and an applied arts building. Some regents did not approve of this, feeling the university would become far too indebted to the government if they attempted this move, but the need was strong and the money was acquired.

Bail allowed some major events to happen on campus. Though there was not enough money left for a student center after other buildings were opened up, Bail fought for a student center since he knew there was a need. Bail fought to change the university and turn it into something great. Without the help of donations, such as those given by Eppley, this change may not have been obtainable.

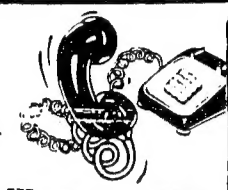
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'The Man In The Iron Mask' Is Both Complex and Humorous

A movie review by Melanie Wilson

"By the way," the decadent King Louis XIV (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) coldly informs one of his mistresses, "you'll be leaving tomorrow." Donned in an artfully decorated robe, the king ducks into a secret passageway leaving the woman to her room. The audience concludes he's done this before. Nay, many times before. What would one expect from a handsome young king?

Perhaps some compassion for his people. Even when he is informed that there are riots in Paris due to the starvation feeding his wars, King Louis shows no remorse. He deals with the issue "decisively" telling his advisors, "the next time there are rioters, shoot them." As the ruler of France, Louis lacks compassion but is full of arrogance and drunk on power.

Enter Philippe, the man in the iron mask (also played by DiCaprio). Unknowingly, Philippe holds a secret. He only remembers the servant who called him Philippe as a child and the man dressed in black who brought him into the hell of the iron mask. Philippe knows there must be "something wrong" with his face, or it wouldn't be hidden behind the mask.

All the mystery surrounding Philippe is soon uncovered. Philippe does not know it, but he is king. Or at least could be. With a few clever changes in manners, he could impersonate Louis at the upcoming Masquerade Ball. Philippe could become the king for whom the Musketeers claim they want to fight.

This builds the complication detrimental to the movie. How does one transform a man, whose been imprisoned by a mask for six years, into a king? After being locked in prison by his own brother, how does he adjust to the world of which he has never been a part? "The Man In The Iron Mask" conspicuously relays the apprehension and freedom one finds after coming in from the dark.

While Philippe must face the horrific reality of being robbed of his life by an arrogant brother, there's also the Three Musketeers. In addition to fighting against King Louis, the Musketeers must face their own demons in order to help Philippe. Without conquering their own fears and inhibitions, Philippe can never hope to overthrow the smug king. Louis believes nothing can stop him. His birth entitles him to the world, nothing more, nothing less; while Philippe, through years of loneliness and thought, is a gentle man who wants to trust and be trusted.

Near the end, the two brothers meet-after one so casually threw the other into exile years before. With Louis and Philippe together in the same room, one doesn't know what to expect. Louis is noticeably angry and perhaps afraid. Philippe is more demure, fearful that a slip of the tongue could



Leonardo DiCaprio stars in the dual role of King Louis XIV and his twin brother, Philippe, in 'The Man With The Iron Mask.' Philippe, imprisoned by his brother, is helped in his struggle to gain the throne of France by the four musketeers.

cost him his head. DiCaprio's mastery of voice conveys a variety, as well as a strong sense of emotion. His characters are real and they come alive on screen.

However, a sense of humor is not lost. Through all the wars, all the intrigue, all the casual love flowing about, humor rises to the surface. Porthos (one of the Musketeers) is largely responsible for this. Much to the irritation of the other Musketeers, Aramis and Athos, Porthos has never taken life seriously.

The relationships in "The Man in the Iron Mask" are vivid. One of the greatest accomplishments of film is the ability to make characters so believable that the viewer actually feels their emotions. Through the use of many venues, this film does just that. With its many twist and turns and complexities, "The Man in the Iron Mask" will keep the moviegoer alert and buzzing with wonder long after the credits roll.

'Ladies Own Erotica' Is Sexy, Intelligent and Timeless

A Book Review By
Theresa Cervantes

"In their statement addressed to penis owners (pg.23) there is a significant lesson, a profound insight that men will do well to read...and reread"

— Judd Boynton

"Ladies Own Erotica," first released in 1986, was a break-through for women writers. Over ten years later, women still note its wondrous prose. The premise behind these tomes is to celebrate "erotica" from a female perspective. The lusty ladies, who came to be known as the "Kensington Ladies Erotica Society," first convened out of a mutual desire to write within a genre they felt was all too unexplored by the "fairer class." While the Kensington Ladies wanted to explore erotica from the unique outlook of

women, "Ladies Own Erotica" is not written from the viewpoint of all females. It is written by a specialized group of women — women of age and expertise all over the age of forty — for women of all ages.

The Kensington Ladies did not buy into the concept of women as helpless victims. On the contrary, they supported women as full participants in the man/woman relationship and the dance of life. Initially, they decided to experiment with creating their own erotica to share with one another. At first,

some members were reluctant to expose their private thoughts. Others felt inadequate as writers (pseudonyms will do that to a gal). But most were willing to share at least snippets of their fantasies. Out of a slow and sketchy beginning grew an ever-deepening self awareness and a wonderful body of erotica.

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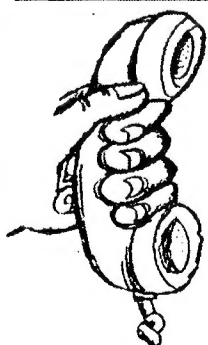
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Us into Laughing at
Ourselvesreview by Joel D.
Stevens

Joel and Ethan Coen are no longer just obscure, low budget filmmakers occupying that murky fringe between mainstream popularity and independent film angst. With last year's "Fargo" and previous gems, "Raising Arizona" and "Miller's Crossing," this writing/directing team has arrived with its own brand of quirky plots, odd characters and mainstream success. The Coen brothers have become, for lack of a better word, a genre. Not strictly comedy, nowhere near straight drama and not quite, well, anything concrete.

In "The Big Lebowski," we open in a Ralph's grocery store with Jeff Bridges as past-his-prime hippie, Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski. Sauntering down the dairy aisle in house slippers and robe, he searches for the perfect carton of half and half. Little is said and even less "happens," but from that little scene we know immediately that the Dude is perfectly content in simply being the Dude. He bowls and drinks with not-too-bright Donnie (Steve Buscemi) and ex-Marine, borderline psycho Walter (an excellent performance by John Goodman). He sips White Russians,

smokes pot, bowls some more. And to those who insist on calling him anything but the Dude, he repeats, "I'm the Dude" (more of a hipster proclamation than a minor correction).

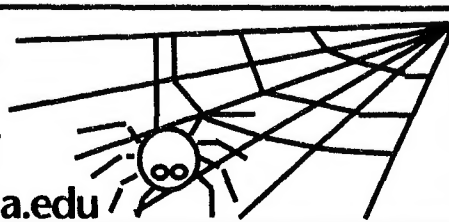
In what is becoming a grand tradition of the Coens, the trophy wife of another Lebowski — the "big Lebowski" (David Huddleston) — is kidnapped. Their relationship was founded on a previous name mix-up. The big Lebowski, a rich philanthropist, enlists the help of the Dude to deliver the ransom. The Dude (apparently not knowing standard ransom delivery etiquette) brings Walter along for the drop and they hatch a half-baked scheme to keep some of the cash for themselves.

It's all going predictably bad. The Dude thinks that he's screwed everything up, that he's gotten this poor woman killed, when in fact, she is a former porno star and not kidnapped at all. The Dude plunges headlong into a pseudo-mystery of "Who's got the money?"

Thinking the Dude kept the money, some German thugs (dubbed the Nihilists, led by actor Peter Stormare) get involved. Meanwhile,

pretentious artist Julianne Moore whirls around the Dude attempting to get the money back to the children's fund from which the big Lebowski had stolen. John Turturro even swaggers through the plot in a purple leisure suit, if for no other reason than to make us laugh.

The beauty of the oddball plot and trippy dream sequences in "The Big Lebowski" is that it's an elaborate put-on. These characters and their odd lives and zany antics make us laugh. We laugh at them, but I'm not sure why. (Why did we laugh at Frances McDormand in "Fargo" when she was the most normal character in the film?) We don't really know anyone like the Dude, but we all know some zoned-out losers who are too lazy to care about anything, much less a kidnapping plot. The Euro-trash Nihilists, Walter and his profanity-laced tirades and the American ideal that is the bowling alley, aren't inherently funny. We laugh at this world and its characters because we're scammed into laughing at ourselves. It's us that's funny, and it only took a little style, Joel and Ethan Coen and two hours to convince us.

Bridges and Goodman listen to the boasting of a rival bowler in
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Coach Makes a Difference

by Jerri Menges
College Press Service

LAURINBURG - The bell rings at East Laurinburg School and — like a quarterback pulling away from the line of scrimmage — Ray Oxendine jumps out of his chair.

It's 2:45 p.m. on a Wednesday, time for students at the alternative school to go home.

Oxendine, otherwise known as "Mr. Big O," rushes down the hallway, his broad shoulders and long legs carrying him outside.

I've got to go out to the buses, he says in his near-nasal voice. He wants to be on hand if there are any problems. And there could always be incidents with these students, most of whom have been put out of Scotland High School because of discipline problems.

Oxendine, the once powerful football player and coach at Catawba College, claps his hands at students, scurrying them toward the buses with a single swoop of his arm.

"I like being a high school principal," he says. "It's sort of like being a coach, except you got a different game every day. I don't even have to make out a (game) plan. I just show up and something happens."

With the kids gone now, his game is over for the day. He walks up the steps of the old rundown building back down the hallway to his office. Sitting in his swivel chair, he talks about his days at Catawba, first as a student, then as a coach and teacher; and growing up in a Native American community in Pembroke, the center of the Lumbee Indian community in Robeson County.

Oxendine graduated from Catawba in 1962 with a degree in physical education. He came back as head baseball coach and assistant football coach in 1964 and resigned in June 1974, to pursue a career in public education.

The plaques on the cinder block walls in his office tell of his athletic success: He was NAIA Baseball Coach of the Year in 1969, the Carolinas Conference Co-coach of the Year in baseball in 1970, and he was later inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame.

"I really thought I'd be a coach the rest of my life," says Oxendine, 60. "That was all I really wanted to do until I started going into high schools and recruiting students for Catawba. Then I thought I could make a good assistant principal."

He has been principal of at least five high schools since leaving Catawba. He won the N.C. Principal of the Year Award for 1992-93 when he was at Scotland County High School, just before moving to his current position.

"I've been happy at everything I've done," he says.

He traces any successes in his life back to his community near Pembroke, his experience in the military and his student years at Catawba, where he passed Spanish bribing his professor with magnolia blossom every morning.

Oxendine and his twin sister

were the youngest of six boys and two girls born to Tom and Georgia Ray Oxendine. The Oxendine family farmed 75 acres of tobacco and cotton off N.C. Highway 710 near Pates Stock Yard, where folks took their hogs and cows to be butchered.

"I'd rather say I'm proud to be Ray Oxendine who happens to be an Indian. I have no right to be proud of something over which I had no choice. I didn't choose to be Indian. I do have some choice over who Ray Oxendine is."

— Ray Oxendine, principal of East Laurinburg High School

Oxendine's dad taught at Indian Norman School, which is now the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Ray's brother Joe, also a Catawba College graduate, is now the chancellor. Their mother took care of the children and the house.

The Oxendine children were surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors, in the day when everyone felt a responsibility to help raise their neighbor's children.

"I guess it goes back to that old saying that it takes a village to raise a child," Oxendine says. "My total community helped raise me."

Starting with his seventh-grade teacher, Joe Sampson.

"I don't know how much math or science he taught me," Oxendine says. "But he taught me to shake hands. He taught me how to tie a necktie. I didn't have a tie, but he taught me how to tie one if I ever did. He spot checked us once a week to make sure we had our handkerchiefs and combs and to make sure our shoes were shined. "He taught me that I could play football. I had never played football in my life, but I knew I could play because Joe Sampson said I could." The military gave him the exposure and confidence he needed to make it outside a Lumbee Indian community.

"I don't know a lot of Lumbees who feel comfortable outside their environment," Oxendine says. "The military helped. When I graduated high school, I didn't know any blacks or whites, but the military exposed me to all of that."

Oxendine found Catawba College to be nurturing and supportive. But not easy. He

barely made it through several of his classes, like Spanish and freshman English.

"One day we were in Spanish class and Dr. (♥) Andrews looked out the window at a magnolia tree,"

Oxendine says. "She said she wanted a magnolia blossom, so I climbed up the tree and got her one. Then she said she wanted a magnolia blossom on her desk every morning."

So every morning I climbed that tree. Every morning she got her magnolia, and I got credit for the class."

As for English, "I had to meet with Ms. Nell Hardin two or three hours in the afternoons or I would never have gotten out of that class."

Oxendine and his brother Joe come back to their alma mater every chance they get. They were here for this year's homecoming game. Ray still keeps up with his Catawba friends, like David Setzer, whom he sees two or three times a year; Bill Faircloth, who is now assistant athletic director at Wake Forest University; M.M. "Chub" Richards '41, former registrar and assistant football coach; Louise Tucker '44, who worked in the registrar's office; and dietitian Mary Emma Knox '40.

"Miss Louise and Miss Mary Emma, they knew everybody and everything," he says. "And (the late) Dr. Earl Ruth (dean of students) looked after me."

The person he admired most at Catawba was Ruth, who later became a congressman and was appointed by President Ford to be governor of American Samoa.

"I find myself even today saying, 'What would Earl Ruth do? when I get in certain situations,'" Oxendine says. "He looked after me. I was a pretty good athlete. When I left, he told me, 'You go get your master's degree, then we'll bring you back.'"

Oxendine had no particular aspirations of coming back home. But after principalizing at several other schools, he found himself at West Robeson High School in 1987. Being Native American has been a part of his identity, but it has not been the focus of his life.

"When I was at East Montgomery, somebody asked me: 'Are you proud to be an Indian?' he says. "I'd rather say I'm proud to be Ray Oxendine who happens to be an Indian. I have no right to be proud of something over which I had no choice. I didn't choose to be Indian. I do have some choice over who Ray Oxendine is."

He's happy that he made his own way in the world, and didn't depend on his native

blood for his accomplishments.

"I try to tell Indians you can stand on the corner and beat a drum all you want to and holler that you're Indian, but don't expect people to give you something just because you're Indian."

He's not ignorant to the needs of his people, however. He is aware of the lack of

positive role models, especially outside Robeson County where there are fewer Native American teachers, doctors and lawyers. But he hopes his own life will serve as an example to all youth, of what they can do if they learn to believe in themselves.

From The Archives

This story was published in The Gateway on March 5, 1945.

Electronics Course is First of Series; Will begin March 8

A new Technical Institute course in elementary electronics, the first in a series designed to prepare men and women for jobs in the field of commercial electronics and radio, will be offered at the University of Omaha beginning Tuesday, March 5. Registration for the new class, which is scheduled to meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10, will be held Thursday evening at 7 in Room 271.

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"Hands" (my favorite) and "I Can't Believe I Wrote This!" Guess, if you can, what that's about.

I will have to confess, I've purchased "Ladies Own Erotica" two or three times. Now I know you're thinking, second and third sets? Yes, the women I have lent "Ladies Own Erotica" to forgot to give them back. (You know who you are.) Learn what these women have. But please, pur-

chase your own. I'm not a library, ladies.

Seriously, to all women, these stories are too good to be missed. By the way, it's just a suggestion, but share one of these stories with the one you love. "...Curl up together in your favorite place... leave the good housekeeper, mother, job-holder behind and come as a playful child."

Sports

Mav Baseball Takes the Diamond in Joplin

by Andy Nordmeier

Blame El Nino for the bad weather that has postponed the start of the Mav baseball season multiple times.

The weather finally broke and the Mavs took the diamond for the first time this season in the Missouri Southern Tournament in Joplin, Mo. The Mavs started out with a four game winning streak that was highlighted by high scoring.

The Mavs started out by flexing their offensive muscles in a sweep of Pittsburg (Kan.) State. They caged the Gorillas twice on March 23 in 11-6 and 10-5 wins.

The next day, they continued to roll on in the tournament as they pasted Minnesota-Morris 12-2 and edged conference rival Morningside 2-1 to up their record to a perfect 4-0.

The Mavs put away Minnesota-Morris with 11 runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to blow the game open. The Mavs also had 12 hits in the game and five went for extra bases.

The Augustana game was up for grabs until the end. The Mavs trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh and were staring at their first loss of the season but had other ideas when they pushed one across to tie it up at 1-1. The eighth inning saw the Mavs win it on a Brent Rasmussen single when he brought Justin Siebler home for the win.

The lone loss for the Mavs in the first half of the tournament was an 11-1 rout by Fort Hays State. They were held to one hit in the loss that was called after five innings.

Then things took a strange turn for the Mavs. Most times when a team scores 23 runs in a game they win. This was one of those very rare exceptions. Missouri Southern outlasted the Mavs and scored 27 runs to take the highest scoring game in recent years 27-23.

Things didn't start out too well for the Mavs in this game as they found themselves on the short end of a 12-0 score after only a half-inning of action. The Mavs did manage to get back a pair in the bottom of the first and five more in the second to close the gap to 12-7.

The Mav rally continued through the middle innings as they outscored Missouri Southern 12-5 in that stretch to capture the lead at 19-17 after six full innings. The Mav momentum was promptly squashed in the top of the seventh when Missouri Southern came back to life and tagged the Mavs with an eight spot to retake the lead at 25-19. The Mavs were quiet in the seventh and eighth before getting four back in the bottom of the ninth. That proved to be too little, too late and the Mavs lost despite 21 hits, six of them go-

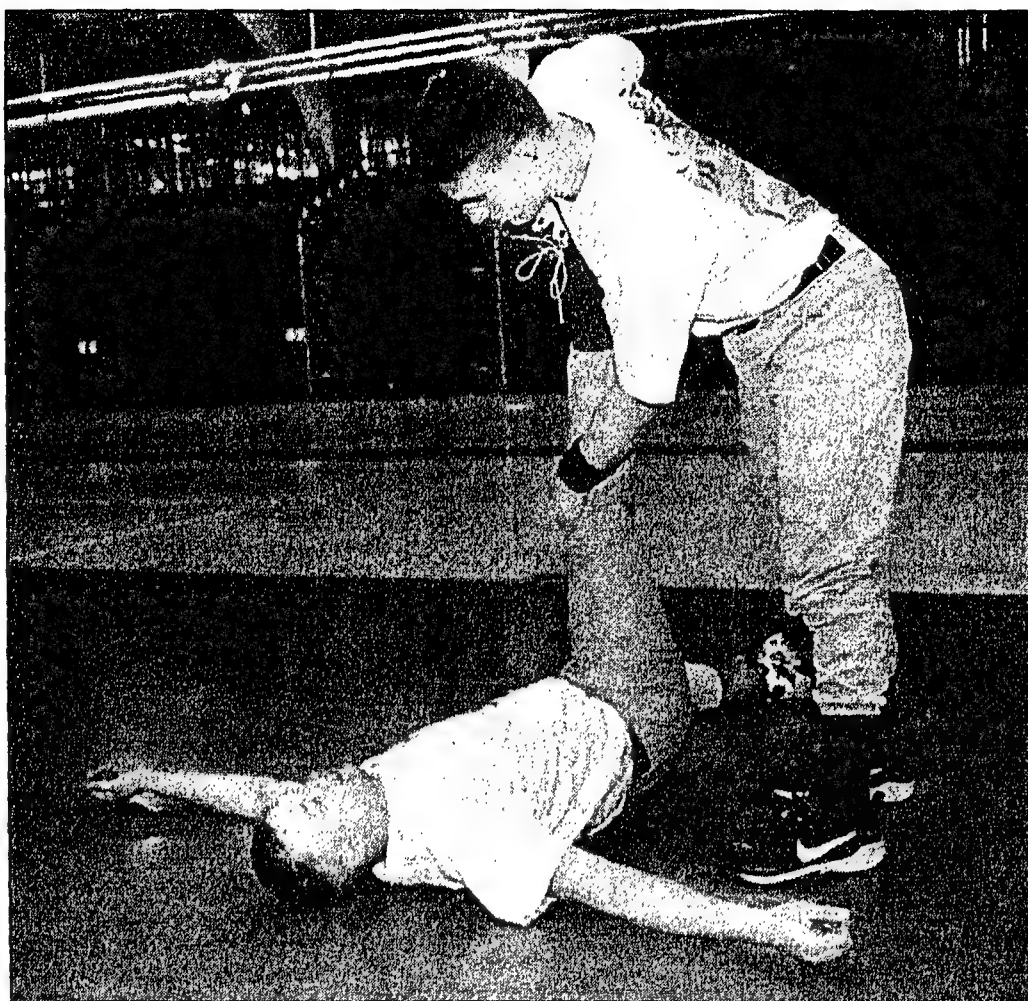
ing for extra bases. Two of those hits were home runs by Brian Kudym and Pete Englund. Andrew Masters also had a strong performance in the loss. He had four hits and seven runs batted in on the day.

The Mavs do get a couple more tune-ups before conference play opens this week. They battled Doane yesterday, Midland today starting at 4:30 and will host Nebraska-Kearney tomorrow.

With all of the offensive firepower, the Mavs do need to save some for the conference part of the season where they will defend their Southern Division championship of a year ago.

The Mavs get their first taste of conference action this weekend when they host North Dakota State in a four-game series at College World Series Park. First pitch is at 1:30 p.m. on both days.

The Mavs will need to capitalize on the home part of their schedule to try and improve their 29-19 overall mark. In a six-day span they will lock up with Creighton, Wayne State, Peru State, South Dakota State twice, and Northwest Missouri with all games here in Omaha. The Creighton game is the only one not at College World Series Park. That stretch is the bulk of the Mav home season as it had been rearranged due to the weather.



Catcher Brent Rasmussen (standing), helps shortstop Brian Kudym stretch during practice before spring break. Rasmussen and Kudym are two of the 13 returning lettermen named on the Mav's baseball roster.

photo by Chris Machan

Lady Mavs Have Fun in the Sun

Softball wins nine of 12 in Florida

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mav softball team went down to Ocoee, Fla. on their spring break to take part in the Rebel Games and get a great warm-up for the North Central Conference part of the schedule.

The Lady Mavs took on nine different opponents in a total of 12 games on the week and came home with a 9-3 record.

The national No. 20 Lady Mavs didn't start off in their usual winning fashion as they were blanked 3-0 by Wayne State (Mich.) in the tournament's opener. That gave the Lady Mavs their first two-game losing streak of the season.

The defensive side of the game came through for the Lady Mavs as they allowed a total of two runs in their next four games, all wins.

The streak was halted when the Lady Mavs pummeled St. Thomas Aquinas 8-0 later that night and continued their hot play with a 14-0 pasting of Southern Connecticut State the next day. The defense surrendered a run to East Stroudsburg

and one to Georgia College in 9-1 and 5-1 wins, respectively.

The Lady Mavs four-game win streak came to an abrupt halt when Florida Southern pitched the second shutout against the Lady Mavs in three days and a 3-0 win in the process. That game saw the Lady Mavs get a no-hitter at them by Florida Southern's Juliahne Coleman. She struck out 13 batters in the win, her 17th of the year.

Again, the Lady Mavs shook off the loss and began to run off another winning streak within 24 hours. That started with a 4-3 edging of Washburn. Southern Connecticut State locked horns with the Lady Mavs again and the Lady Mavs prevailed in an 8-2 win.

The hot pitching and defense came through again when the squad blanked Drexel 6-0 and knocked off Towson in the nightcap by an 8-2 count.

The final day saw the Lady Mavs split a pair of games. They took down East Stroudsburg again by an

eight-run margin in the 10-2 win but lost to Florida Tech 2-1 in the finale to leave on a sour note and end their five-game winning streak.

The Lady Mavs are 16-0 when scoring more than two runs in a game this season and 0-6 when held to one run or less. Four of the Lady Mav losses on the season have come by way of the shutout. The Lady Mavs have had some difficulty in the close games as they are 2-3 on the year in one- and two-run games.

With all of the action over spring break, the Lady Mavs don't get anytime to catch their breath as they open the conference part of the season today when they host South Dakota in their home opener. The doubleheader at Claussen-Westgate Field starts at 3:30 with the nightcap at 5 p.m.

Last year, the Lady Mavs planted themselves on top of the Southern Division with a 5-3 conference record and a 49-11 overall mark. The Lady Mavs will also be in the hunt for their fifth consecutive con-

ference title this year.

The Lady Mavs head on to Nebraska-Kearney for a twinbill with the in-state rivals tomorrow before this weekend's Augustana Tournament. There the Lady Mavs will be locking up with three conference foes (St. Cloud State, North Dakota State, and host Augustana) and could play up to six games on the weekend.

After that part of the schedule, the Lady Mavs will enjoy the home-field advantage as they play eight straight games in the friendly confines.

Drake comes in next Tuesday for two and St. Cloud State also drops by for a doubleheader on April 10 before the Godfathers' Tournament. The Lady Mavs face more conference foes in both North Dakota teams and Mankato State in addition to Minnesota-Duluth.

When the dust settles, the Lady Mavs will have played as many as 20 games in 11 days.

Maverick Football Opens Spring Practice

by Andy Nordmeier

Spring is in the air and so are the footballs over Al Caniglia Field as the Mav football team starts their spring practices today.

The Mavs, 8-3 last season, will have most of their starters back this year as they gear up in the chase for the national title. The Mavs do return 10 starters on offense and eight on defense. The lone loss on the offensive side was all-American center Bob Wegner and the key loss defensively was all North Central Conference defensive end Brent Neben.

Ed Thompson enters his final year taking the snaps for the Mavs and will also try and guide the team to a playoff berth. The Mavs just missed the postseason after losing to St. Cloud State on the last day of the regular season. Key returning players are MarTay Jenkins at wide receiver. He was on the shelf for most of last year after damaging his knee in the first game of the season. Adam Wright will also be coming back as well. The sophomore came off of the bench last year and helped to spearhead the Mav ground game that was amongst the top five

in the nation.

Defensively, the Mavs will have Jason Bartling back to plug up the middle linebacker spot. Bartling missed the final nine games of last year after suffering a knee injury against Nebraska-Kearney. Also, Nate Sullivan and Ben Titus will be returning on the defensive side of the football.

With all of the preparations starting, the Mavs also released their 1998 schedule which features six home dates and an unusual opener.

The Mavs will start the season at Central Missouri State in a rematch of last year's opener which the Mavs won by 29. The twist is that it is a Thursday night game (Sept. 3).

Conference play starts with North Dakota State coming to town on Sept. 19. North Dakota, Northern Colorado and St. Cloud State, the three teams the Mavs lost to last year, will all be visiting Al Caniglia Field this season. Northern Colorado, the two-time defending national champions, has never won a game in Omaha.

The 1998 Mav Football Schedule

Sept. 3 at Central Missouri State 7:00

Sept. 12 Nebraska-Kearney 1:00

Sept. 19 North Dakota State 1:00

Sept. 26 at South Dakota 2:00

Oct. 3 North Dakota 1:00

Oct. 10 Augustana 1:00 (Homecoming)

Oct. 17 at South Dakota State 1:00

Oct. 24 Northern Colorado 1:00

Oct. 31 at Mankato State (time TBA)

Nov. 7 at Morningside 1:00

Nov. 14 St. Cloud State 1:00

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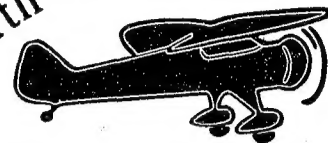
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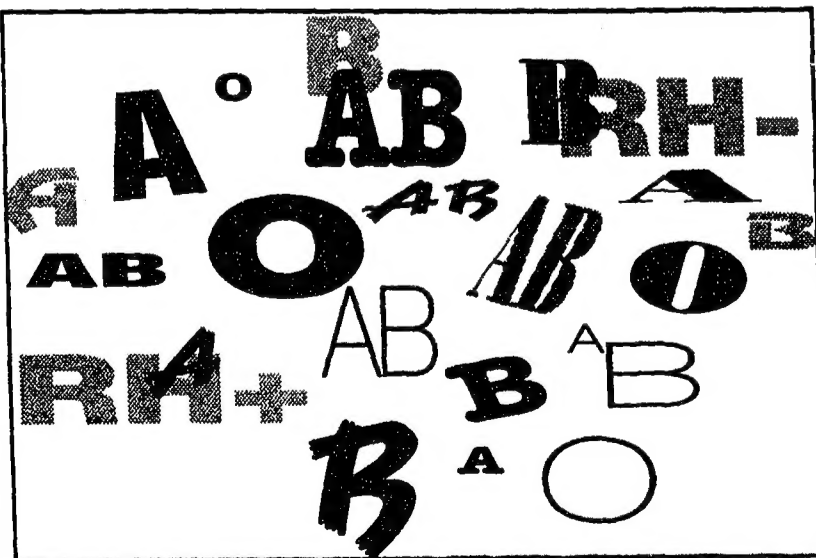


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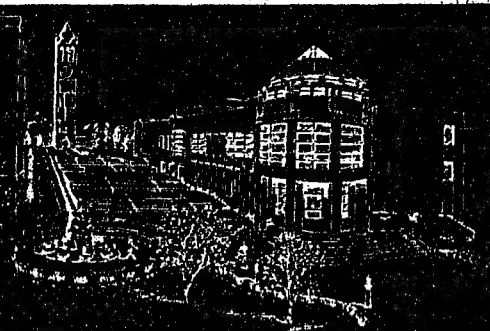
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10 am KBUL
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12 noon Campus Lutheran Ministry
2 pm Frank Hartman Reception
5 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta

Wed., April 1st

7:30 am Shadow Day- Honors Program
8 am Criminal Justice Career Fair
9:30 am S.S.E.M. Professional
11 am Traffic Appeals
11 am Graduate Studies

12 noon Student Democrats
12 noon E.O.P.A. Board
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12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
12 noon Minority Health
1 pm Environmental Health
2:30 pm S.P.O.
6 pm Accounting Club
7 pm Criminal Justice Students
7 pm Theta Chi
8 pm Pi Kappa Alpha

Thurs., April 4th

7 am Environmental Health

7:30 am Athletic Committee
9 am K.V.N.O.
11 am Multicultural Programs
12 noon Student Social Work
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1 pm Testing
2 pm Math
2:30 pm Panhellenic
3 pm S.P.O. Interviews
5:30 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm Student Senate

Fri., April 3rd

9 am S.P.O. Interviews
11 am Financial Aid
11:30 am Special Education
12 noon Geography Bee
12 noon Interfraternity Council

2 pm Greek Judicial Board
2 pm Student Leadership Team
5 pm College Republicans
5:30 pm Beta Alpha Psi
6 pm Geography Bee Dinner
8 pm Bryan High School Prom

Sat., April 4th

10 am Zeta Phi Beta
1:30 pm Delta Sigma Theta
6:30 pm Blair High School Prom

Sun., April 5th

2 pm Chi Omega
3 pm Sigma Kappa
3 pm Alpha Kappa Alpha
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5 pm Theta Chi
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6:30 pm Lambda Chi
7 pm Aviation Institute

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WATERFRONT POSITIONS

College students seeking a unique seasonal job, flexible hours, general boat and facility operation and maintenance, working with the public, sailing and/or canoeing experience helpful. Send resume to: Omaha's Cunningham Lake Marina, 8035 Irvington Rd., Omaha, NE 68122.

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BOYS TOWN USA

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Biology or Earth Science Teachers

Summer opportunity to work in the Youth Employment Training Program with boys and girls ranging in ages 13 to 18 years. Position will be a classroom type setting; however the campus (outside) would also be included: this is an exploratory learning experience for kids. Training would begin on May 26 & 27 or May 28 & 29. Orientation will run during the week of June 1 and the actual time beginning to work with kids is June 8. A vacation week can be taken during the weeks of July 6 & 13: the last day of work is August 14/ Instructors will begin their day (Monday-Thursday) at 11:30am. On Friday they will begin at 8:00am. Days end at 4:30 pm. Salary is \$12.00/hr. For application please call 498-1257.

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Summer Jobs
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Omaha Children's Museum is seeking fun, high-energy individuals to join our team as Discovery Guides to work with Museum Educators and assist visitors while they explore the museum. Must be reliable and enjoy interacting with children and their families. Starting Salary: \$6.50 per hour. Workweek: Friday and Saturday (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) and Sunday (12 noon to 5:00 pm). Additional hours may be available, especially during school breaks. Pick up an application at or submit letter of interest and resume to The Omaha Children's Museum, 500 South 20th Street, Omaha, NE 68102. EOE

Museum Educator

Omaha Children's Museum in seeking energetic, creative individuals to work with visitors in formal and informal setting to explore the Museum and to seek out learning opportunities and to assist in the development of new participative programs and exhibits. Able to develop and deliver wide variety of programming to variety of ages. Science background or experience preferred. Formal education or experience in K-12 education preferred. Starting Salary: \$9.00 per hour. Workweek: 35 hours per week, must be available Monday and rotating weekends. Submit letter of interest and resume to The Omaha Children's Museum, 500 South 20th Street, Omaha, NE 68102. EOE

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